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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY, LONDON:SEITZ FOR MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, IS, MZ, US

SUBJECT: CASE OF MIRON MARCUS

REF: A) MAPUTO 237 (NOTAL), B) TEL AVIV 2259 (NOTAL);  
C) 77 MAPUTO 1560 (NOTAL); D) TEL AVIV 3574 (NOTAL)

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2. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST STEMS FROM RECENT VISIT TO US BY ISRAELI CITIZEN SHABTAI KALMANOVITCH IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL PRISONER SWAP (PRINCIPALLY INVOLVING SOVIET DISSIDENT ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY, ROBERT THOMPSON, NOW SERVING A SENTENCE FOR ESPIONAGE AT A FEDERAL PENITENTIARY IN PENNSYLVANIA, AND CHILEAN POLITICAL PRISONERS)

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5. FOR TEL AVIV: WE ARE REPEATING RELEVANT MAPUTO CABLES ON THE MARCUS CASE. VANCE

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